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### Out of the fog ...

Charles Weber and Jeff Clazie stride through the mist and on to the ice carrying Didsbury's banner during the opening ceremonies of the tournament held this weekend.

#### CONTRACT DISPUTE

## Province introduces binding arbitration on teachers

by Dan Singleton

As expected, the provincial government has introduced legislation putting in place a binding arbitration process to end the Alberta teachers dispute.

Since the terms of reference for the arbitration cover only salaries, not classroom sizes, instructional hours nor teacher-pupil ratios, teachers could consider taking further job action.

"I think they (teachers) will just turn inward, and they will do the best possible job with the kids in their classrooms, and everything else will go out the window," said Alberta Teachers Association (ATA) president Larry Booi. "I believe they'll just stop a whole lot of things."

Chinook's Edge includes schools in Sundre, Olds, Didsbury, Cremona and Carstairs. More than 11,000 students attend classes in the division.

Teachers in 22 divisions began strike action on Feb. 4 and were forced back to classes on Feb. 25 when the province declared a provincial emergency.

The emergency order was ruled unlawful on March 1, putting teachers back in a legal strike position.

The ATA had said it would give the province 72 hours notice before resuming any strike action.

ATA president Larry Booi and Premier Ralph Klein met on March 4, agreeing to review a proposal to use arbitration to settle strikes across the province.

At the time, the ATA gave assurances to Klein teachers would remain in the job until at least March 14.

The provincial government examined that arbitration proposal on Thursday, after which the Premier

announced the draft legislation would be introduced on March 11.

"The goal of the legislation is to ensure that teachers stay on the job with a fair contract and that, above all, there are no further interruptions in the school year for Alberta students," said Premier Ralph Klein.

"We've received valuable input from the public, the Alberta Teachers Association (ATA), the Alberta School Boards Association, and the government caucus. All of this input will be reflected as much as possible in the draft legislation."

Minister of Learning Dr. Lyle Oberg added Monday, "Binding arbitration will provide teachers and school boards with a fair process to resolve current salary issues and will ensure that students can continue their learning and successfully complete this school year."

Teacher concerns such as instructional hours and classroom sizes will be dealt with in a review to take place over the next 18 months, he said.

ATA president Booi had said teachers expect fair treatment in the arbitration process, including the addressing of "concerns over classroom conditions, fair salaries and initiative to recruit and retain teachers."

"These issues have been raised consistently in bargaining across the province and it is important that the arbitration process provide an opportunity for all three concerns to be raised," said Booi.

"By returning to their classrooms voluntarily, teachers have provided government with an opportunity to put into place a process that is fair, open and independent."

The Alberta School Board Association (ASBA), the provincial body representing school boards including Chinook's Edge, warned arbitrated settlements could put boards into position of being unable to meet demands without cutting spending on students and teachers.

ASBA president Michele Mulder said the province should "build fences" around the arbitration process.

"We asked that arbitration process focus exclusively on teachers salaries," Mulder said March 6. "(And) that the arbitrator consider what the school board can afford, and that the arbitration not deal with working conditions."

"Working conditions clauses in contracts hamper school boards' ability to make good management decisions in the best interests of students. That could mean teacher layoffs, that could mean increased class sizes, it could mean program cuts, and in the rural areas, it could mean school closures."

She called for two-year deals to provide "stability to the system".

It would cost \$260 million a year if the arbitrator imposed wage settlements and working conditions present in some contracts, on all school board, she said.

"And that's money school boards do not have. School boards need the flexibility, including a return to some measure of local taxation, and autonomy to make decisions locally as they negotiate with their teachers."

The Chinook's Edge board agreed with the ASBA call for the arbitration to focus on salaries only, said board spokesperson and trustee Ian Taylor.

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## NRCB APPLICATION

## Residents concerned about Confined Feeding Operation

by Richard Westlund

An application for a Confined Feeding Operation (CFO) with 17,000 head of cattle has concerned residents living near the site.

The application filed by AAA Cattle Company Limited in January has sparked meetings among local residents who are worried about the impact a CFO of that magnitude would have effects on the surrounding areas.

Murray Marsh, who acted as a chairperson at a recent meeting believes the proposed area, located east of Didsbury in the Lone Pine Region, is too populated for a project of this magnitude and that there are environmental and standard of living concerns expressed by local residents.

He said there was strong opposition in the area when Pig Improvement Canada made an application for an Intensive Livestock Operation (ILO), before they abandoned their plans and sold the land to Mora Homes owned by Gerry Morasch.

"Why I see the PIC background as being pertinent is that they saw there was objection in the area," said Marsh.

PIC eventually moved their operation to the Drumheller region.

Operations of this nature were handled by the County before the province took them over at the beginning of this year. The Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) currently deals with such applications.

Simon Cobban, a co-owner in the project, disputes the fact about the area being too populated and said there are two locations that have expressed they would be affected.

He said one of the houses

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Lone Pine resident

was built after the corrals were finished.

Affected residents claim that in December 1997 and January 1998 Morasch and Cobban made visits to homes adjacent to the proposed site and that they were told the feedlot would be 2,500 head with the possibility of growing to 5,000 head. Marsh said residents indicated concern and resistance to any larger development.

Cobban said residents were made aware from the beginning that expansion was possible in the future. He said the residents were told that in 10 years the operation could be as big as 10,000 head.

"We are doing better than we thought previously," said Cobban about the 17,000 head application. "When we first purchased the land we did not have money to expand right away."

AAA Cattle Company's intention of having a larger feedlot were clear on Feb. 15, 1998, when an application was made to Alberta Environment for water in which Cobban stated, "we have also indicated to the County our intent to expand to a minimum of 10,000 head capacity in the future."

AAA Cattle Company pur-

chased the land on March 10, 1998. The company was granted initial approval for a development permit on Jan. 21, 1998 with conditions.

According to a letter written by Mountain View County Planning and Development Officer John Rusling conditions were not met and he encouraged the owners of AAA Cattle Company to do so.

"Back in February of 1998, we wrote you saying that your development permit would be issued when certain information was supplied to us. This has not happened and we have issued no development permit for you. I also understand you have animals onsite. I would like to meet with you so we can go over your situation and see what work remains to be done," stated the letter.

Councillor Dave Derksen visited the site on a "routine PR visit" and observed expanding corrals. He encouraged the owners to make sure permits were in order. Derksen said he did mention to Rusling that work was being undertaken at the site.

A permit for a 2,500 head operation was issued by the County Dec. 19, 2000.

After the permit was eventually granted, Rusling sent

another letter, dated Dec. 6, 2001, to Mo rasch explaining he had to take action in order to be in compliance with the permit.

"As we discussed, there is a limit of 2,500 head on your development permit and as you have exceeded that number now, you must apply for a development permit as quickly as possible," wrote Rusling adding that a second alternative was to immediately reduce the number of animals on site to 2,500.

Investigations done by the County revealed that AAA Cattle Company had as many as 5,600 head on site.

Cobban acknowledges that his company has not always been in compliance with the permit number-wise, but maintains that is the only rule that was broken.

He cited a lack of pasture as one of the reasons the operation has had too many cattle. "The cattle were supposed to go out on grass, (but because of the drought) there was no grass. We brought the cattle to where the feed was."

Cobban got the impression the County would have rubber-stamped his permit at any time. He said that if he was granted a permit it would have been appealed by neighbours and that they would be going through the appeal process today. He knew the province would soon have jurisdiction on Confined Feeding Operations and decided to wait.

Cobban said he waited longer than he expected because the date when the province would take over CFOs kept getting bumped back. The AAA Cattle Company application to the province was the first.

Meanwhile Marsh said he hopes the NRCB will look at the noncompliance issues that have happened in the past and weigh that heavily in their decision. At a Dec. 19 MPC meeting Rick Kelk expressed concerns about the feedlot and that some rules were not being met and provided a Dec. 2001 aerial photo that showed expansion.

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## TEACHERS *continued from Page 1*

"I think we pretty well agree with the ASBA stand on that," Taylor said Friday. "We've said in the past that if we could get rid of some of those other demands, like classroom size, pupil-teacher ratio and so on, we might have been on the way to a settlement. I think it's fair to say that that has been the one big sticking point, rather than just a straight salary settlement. I think it is safe to say that we agree with the stance that the ASBA has taken."

If the terms of reference include classroom sizes, could it mean layoffs and school closures in Chinook's Edge?

"It's too early to say because we have no idea what that would entail," he said. "The whole history of this has been wait and see. We were waiting to see if teachers were going to go on strike. We were waiting to see if the government was going to do anything. Then we had to wait and see what the court was going to decide. Now we are waiting to see what the government is going to legislate, and we're waiting to see what the ATA reaction will be."

The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, which represents rural municipalities, says it will oppose any move to give taxation powers back to school boards.

"We are very alarmed with the recent suggestion that the province is considering reneging on a promise with regards to the \$1.2 billion cap on the provincial education property taxes," said AUMA president George Rogers.

"We also fail to see how this promise can be kept if school boards are given the authority to expand education taxes without a citizen's vote."

In other news, the Chinook's Edge board has made moves to make up for time lost during the three week strike.

The board has directed that the superintendent sees that schools focus on core curriculum subjects such as Math, Social Studies, English and Science. Non-instructional activities such as "spirit days", "reward trips" and "pep rallies" may be limited.

The board also passed a motion that "all fees are waived for high school students wishing to enroll in core courses at Chinook's Edge School Division Summer Schools."

### IN THE COURTS

## Couple defrauded provincial welfare

An area couple has been handed suspended sentences and ordered to pay almost \$4,000 in restitution after being convicted of defrauding the province. James and Katherine Cardinal were sentenced in Didsbury provincial court on Mar. 4 after pleading guilty earlier to charges of fraud under \$5,000.

The accused persons defrauded welfare officials of a total of \$3,963, Crown prosecutor Danny Elliott told the court.

Judge C. Daniel ordered the accused to pay the money back within the next year. She also sentenced James Cardinal to perform 20 hours of community service.

If the accused remain in good standing with the court during the duration of the sentence, the convictions will not appear on their permanent records.

### Man defrauded province

An area man who unlawfully took almost \$1,800 from the provincial Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) social assistance program has been ordered to pay restitution. Garry Cantelon pleaded guilty earlier to a three charges of fraud under \$5,000. He was sentenced in Didsbury provincial court on Mar. 4. The accused received money for undeclared work on three separate occasions, although he was receiving social assistance under the program at the time, court heard. "You did get money you were not entitled to," Judge Daniel told the accused. The judge handed the man a suspended sentence, ordered him to complete 20 hours of community service, and pay restitution in the amount of \$1,773.

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Ross Warner also attended as a delegation and to express concern about the situation and expressed concern about contamination of the land and waterways.

The county did not issue any penalties to AAA Cattle Company for noncompliance when ILOs were their responsibility.

Marsh said he is upset because he believes AAA Cattle Company wasn't up front with local residents from the beginning.

"They came in and deceived us. And I think that was their plan from the beginning. They just wanted to be able to get

their foot in the door and expand from there."

He added that he doesn't necessarily want to stop them from setting up some kind of operation but wants them to work with local residents on the issue.

Cobban said he has been approachable from the beginning and the owners included suggestions from neighbours when designing the feedlot. He said neighbours have had many opportunities to express concerns to him and that he received just one complaint about smell since starting his operation.

He said the feedlot goes be-

yond the specifications laid out by the County as he aimed to meet provincial regulations set out by the province - knowing they were taking over the jurisdiction of Confined Feeding Operations.

"I don't want to hand down an environmental nightmare to my kids," he said, adding that he has given tours of the facility to anyone who has requested one.

Approval Officer with the NRCB Sandi Roberts, said she is the one who will make the initial decision on the permit and confirmed it was the first one received by the board since it took over CFO juris-

However, grant criteria states that projects are to be for capital developments and/or improvements only and that operational funding will not be considered. The Lions application was deemed ineligible because it was requesting funding for operational expenses.

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The two applications were reviewed by the Community Services Committee at their Feb. 26 meeting.



### Let's go ...

photo by Richard Westlund

Radio personality Peter Michaels kicks off the bantam provincials with a cut-out of Don Cherry during the opening ceremonies held at the Didsbury Arena on Friday night.

## Two applications denied for legacy grant funding by Town Council

The Town of Didsbury received two applications at the quarterly deadline for the 1999 Senior Games Legacy Grant, but both were denied at last week's regular council meeting.

The Didsbury Lions applied for funding towards a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Dance celebrating 100 years that the train station has been in Didsbury.

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At the beginning of 2002. She said the application is now in the hands of the NRCB but will not be considered complete until all required reports are finished, such as soil tests.

After an application is deemed to be complete, affected parties, including Mountain View County, will be given a 15-day viewing period. After that affected parties will be given five days to respond in writing to the application.

After that time period has expired, Roberts will make the decision on the application based on technical informa-

tion and comments received by affected parties. The decision, with reasons, will be sent to the applicants and affected parties. If either side disagrees with the decision they are able to appeal to the board in writing citing their reasons for appealing. At that point the board will decide whether or not to hold a hearing. Currently the NRCB is dealing with the noncompliance issues of AAA Cattle Company. That must be finished before the actual application is dealt with.

A meeting will be held at 7:30 tonight at Lone Pine Hall for affected residents.

# OPINIONS EDITORIAL

## For the students



**RICHARD WESTLUND**  
EDITORIAL

Chinook's Edge Board needs to do what it takes in order to get its students through this shortened school semester.

Because the teachers decided to strike in Chinook's Edge students are in a position where they may be playing catch-up until the school semester is over.

In particular Grade 12 students will be affected, as they try to get the marks they need to get into universities or colleges.

At a special meeting held last week the Board directed the su-

perintendent to see that schools focus on core curriculum subjects according to a plan that has been developed. The plan allows schools to implement specific measures, including the following:

1. Excess hours from some subjects may be allocated to other subjects.

2. Non-instructional activities such as "spirit days", "reward trips" or "pep-rallies" may be limited. (Curriculum-related trips or events to which schools have already committed should continue.

3. Efforts must be made to ensure optimum "time on task" in each class.

The plan also specifies that Professional Development hosted by Division Office staff be limited to allow maximum interaction between teachers and students. However, it is the intent of Division Office staff to respond to teacher requests for support.

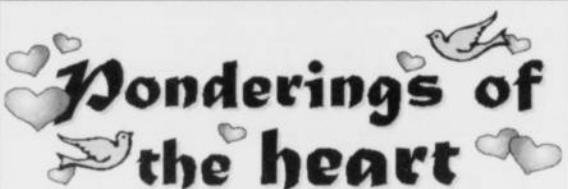
Fees will be waived for high school students wishing to enrol in core subjects during the summer months.

The board has come forward with some initiatives to make sure students get something out of this shortened semester. They will need the cooperation of teachers to go beyond the call of duty to make sure every minute of class time is utilized.

Teachers are still without contracts after a strike in which they were forced back to the classroom. But bitter feelings towards the board should not be enough to deter that maximum effort is given to the students.

Both sides of the dispute owe so much to the students that were forced to the outside because negotiations were not fruitful. Ultimately, it is they who suffer the consequences the most during a strike.

There are about three months until summer holidays hit, which means teamwork will be essential to make sure students are not hurt more than they have to be.



## "I would like to have..."

by Margaret Fradley

How would we complete that statement? What is it we would want, desire, need, or think we need right now?

Perhaps for some it would be a new car, a new house, a job, clothes, a new hairdo, maybe something bigger and better than our neighbors have. Do we think if we had these things we would be happier?

Recently I read a book where the author said we could be imprisoned by "our want". When the novelty wears off of what we felt we wanted, we often find ourselves right back to where we were; wanting. "Wanting" can result in our feeling dissatisfied, discontent or even envious.

There is a story told of a man who began to climb the ladder of success, after spending much time and effort, he finally arrived at the top, only to discover his ladder was up against the wrong building.

This gives us something to ponder does it not?



## REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE

# Alberta managing decline in revenue

submitted by the office of Richard Marz

The Third Quarter Fiscal Update shows that Alberta has successfully managed the decline in revenue caused by the economic uncertainty around the world. With the dramatic decrease in resource revenue and investment income throughout this fiscal year, some prudent fiscal adjustments had to be made. The Government took appropriate action in October and continued monitoring the situation closely. As a result, Alberta maintains a solid outlook for 2001-02, and most of all we have kept our commitment to Albertans to maintain a balanced budget.

The Update shows overall government revenue will be \$1.5 billion lower than estimated in Budget 2001, mainly due to lower energy prices and reduced investment income. With the actions the government took in October 2001, program expense is \$830 million lower than budgeted and the economic cushion will be reduced from a budgeted \$817 million to \$18 million. The accumulated debt, net of cash set aside for future debt repayment, is still forecast to be at \$6 billion by the end of the fiscal year. Albertans want a fiscally responsible government that will keep taxes competitive, spend wisely, and not run a deficit. This Update confirms that we have done exactly that.

The Minister of Finance provided updated projections for this fiscal year showing the price of oil to average US\$23.75/barrel, down from the Budget estimate but up from the Second Quarter and natural gas at CAN\$3.76 /mcf, \$1.27 lower than estimated at Budget 2001. The province estimates that over the course of a year, every 10-cent decline in the price of natural gas means \$142 million less in resource revenue, and every dollar drop in oil is \$153 million less. Whereas provincial revenues decreased to \$21.1 billion from a projected \$22.7 billion, this decrease was offset somewhat by a drop in expenses, from a projected \$21.6 billion to an actual \$20.8 billion.

The government will remain cautious and pru-

dent as it prepares for Budget 2002 in March. **Throne speech focuses on building a healthy Alberta**

Commitments to improve all factors that create a healthy Alberta, including health care, education and the economy, were among the highlights of the 2002 Speech from the Throne.

The Throne Speech, delivered on February 26 by Alberta's Lieutenant Governor, the Honorable Lois Hole, opened the Second Session of the 25th Alberta Legislature. It also introduced legislation to create youth awards and scholarships to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, and confirmed that Budget 2002 will detail new spending in the priority areas of health, learning and children's services.

The Throne Speech outlined a number of initiatives, including acting on the recommendations of the Premier's Advisory Council on Health. Some of these initiatives include looking at raising tobacco taxes and health care premiums, reviewing health care coverage and improving access to health care services.

Among other initiatives outlined in the Throne Speech were the establishment of a new financial review committee to review government budgeting and financial practices, the development of a renewed vision for the Kindergarten to Grade 12 learning system, and the creation of a one-window approach to financing for agri-industry and small business. As well, the Throne Speech called for the implementation of the Agriculture Drought Risk Management Plan, negotiating a federal five-year low-cost housing agreement for \$67 million, holding a provincial forum on workplace health and safety, and the development of a provincial water strategy.

The Throne Speech began with a moment of silence for the passing of Princess Margaret and former Alberta Lieutenant Governor Bud Olson, and an expression of support and gratitude for the armed forces serving in Afghanistan.



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# FROM THE MAILBAG

## Agricultural Operation Practices Act falls short

Dear Editor,

In January 2002, the Alberta Government Agricultural Operation Practices Act became law. After reading the Act through, I got the feeling the same, or similar, group of lobbyists had struck again, that were successful in convincing the Alberta Government that all revenues from Crown leases for oilwell sites and pipeline right-of-way should go into ranchers pockets instead of into the Government coffers where it belongs. The Act fails to address three major issues:

1. The Act does not require any site restoration for discontinued Confined Feeding Operations (C.F.O.s, formerly known as Intensive Livestock Operations).

An unscrupulous operator could, with a bottle of whiskey, convince a drifter to take title of the site and, thereby, put the burden of cleanup and restoration onto the taxpayer.

In some feedlots the topsoil has been hauled out with the manure and there is nothing left to restore the site with. Since the last Ice Age, 10,000 years ago, about six to 10 inches of topsoil has formed on our land. It will be a long long time before abandoned sites will again become productive with food production and tax revenues.

2. The Act has no provisions for taxing C.F.O.'s on a commercial basis. A pig farm with 100,000 pigs, located on a quarter section pays about \$500 per year in taxes. To function, this

pig farm puts about 75 trucks loaded with 10 tons of produce on our roads every day of the year. Once the vegetarians realize that they help pay for this pig farm, many of them will get stomach ulcers and ruin our health care system.

I suggest that all C.F.O.'s, that purchase feed that is grown outside their municipal district or on fields more than 15 km from C.F.O. sites, pay a road user's tax per animal unit. This would enhance the building of C.F.O.'s close to the source of feed, ensuring that often the manure is spread on the fields that grow the feed.

It would also promote small, family-farm C.F.O.'s thereby protecting the family farms and rural communities.

3. In the Act it states that a C.F.O. has to be a certain distance from a neighbour's dwelling, not from his property line. All land that does not have a dwelling is thereby greatly devalued because building on it would be against the law or foolish, due to the disturbances from the C.F.O. Not addressing the last issue properly will bring fights, maybe even violence, into the farming community. We need farmers on the land, not in jail.

These are issues that concern all Albertans, rural and urban alike. Strong family farms are what put bread on the table for us, and future generations. Look at Russia; they destroyed their family farmers and have been hungry ever since.

To ensure that these issues

are brought into the Provincial Legislature discussions, please write, phone, fax or email:

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Yours truly,  
Henry Kuelker

## Attempt will be made to answer questions about ambulance

Dear Editor,

Mountain View Regional Emergency Services (MVRES) is the ambulance service responsible for providing ambulances for the county of Mountain View.

Having operated for just over a year now we have noticed that there are still many questions about ambulance service.

Over the next few months an attempt will be made to answer some questions and misunderstandings about your local ambulance service and introduce you to the staff.

### HISTORY

As of 12:00 a.m. January 1st, 2001 Mountain View Regional Emergency Services started providing ambulance service for the County of Mountain View (Mountain View County, Olds, Didsbury, Carstairs, Cremona, Sundre). Unlike most services in the province the Mountain View Regional Emergency Services is a Commission. This means that there are 6 members on the Commission. One appointed by each local town/village/county council.

They are responsible for governing how services will be provided to the communities.

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- 702 based out of the Olds Fire Hall 24 hrs a day, 365 days a year full time Advanced Life Support

- 703 based out of the Olds Fire Hall 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri. Basic and Advanced Life Support.

Our staff consists of: 7 full time Paramedics (EMT-P) & 8 casual Paramedics; 6 full time EMT-A's & 9 casual EMT-A's.

To maintain prompt ambulance service 24 hrs a day 365 days a year the crews stay at the stations. Both the Olds Fire Hall and the Didsbury Hospital have sleeping accommodations for the crews. The crews work 2 days on (48hrs) followed by 4 days off. Each am-

bulance is staffed with one Paramedic and one EMT.

At present Sundre and District Emergency Medical Services Society is under contract to Mountain View Regional Emergency Services Commission to provide ambulance services for Sundre and area.

As stated above: Over the next few months an attempt will be made to answer some questions and misunderstandings about your local ambulance service and introduce you to the staff. Here is a list of some of the questions we will try to answer.

1. What's the difference be-

tween Paramedics/EMT's, Advanced Life Support/ Basic Life Support? 2. Does Alberta Health Care cover the cost of an ambulance? 3. How do I call the ambulance? 4. Who dispatches the ambulance? 5. Why does the Fire Department come with the ambulance sometimes? 6. Do I have a choice in which Hospital I go to? 7. I have a Living Will/Personal Directive is this important to the ambulance crew? 8. How long does it take for an ambulance to get to my house? 9. What is a Commission?

Should you have any other questions about Mountain

View Regional Emergency Services and how it operates please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,  
Lyle McKeller, Executive

Director 335-3311  
Nicholas Thain, Operations Manager 556-3029  
Cindy Roberts, Office Manager 335-3311

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TOWN OF DIDSBURY PUBLIC MEETINGS	
• Regular Council: March 27, 2002	• Corporate Services: April 9, 2002
• MPC: March 20, 2002	• Community Services: March 26, 2002
NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS	
The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:	
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Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on March 27, 2002.	
Robert Wigg - Development Officer	

## Woman thanks local man for roadside help

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I wish to express my appreciation for the kindness shown to me last Saturday, Jan. 26th, about 11:30 while I was driving to Didsbury. I slipped into the top of the ditch when my wheels locked as I was trying to get out of the way of an oncoming car. Every car that came by thereafter stopped to see if I needed any help, and a couple driving a jeep pulled me out in minutes. What a great community thanks to all who stopped and to Harley Dickenson. I am so grateful to know the prevalence of wonderful people who come to one's aid at a moment's notice.

Sincerely,  
Sandi Hende

## Ross Ford Elementary

2002-2003

### Kindergarten Registration/Information

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7:00 p.m.

Ross Ford  
Elementary  
Library

In accordance with Chinook's Edge School Division #73 Policy HGBJ "Students eligible for Kindergarten must attain the age of five years on or before December 31 of the school year in which the student applies for admission to Chinook's Edge School Division Number 73."

You will be required to bring copies of child(ren)'s birth certificate(s) and Alberta Health Care card(s), and to provide information on the registration forms regarding street address; legal land description for rural student(s); and all pertinent medical history. Information on programming and program availability will be provided during the meeting.

## Health Authority 5

### NOTICE

Health Authority 5 would like to advise residents of the region that all emergency and hospital-related services in Drumheller have relocated to the new health facility located at 351 - 9 Street N.W.

The following Drumheller health services are now located at the new facility:

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## Nine-year-old's cause of death known

by Carla Victor

Autopsy results have concluded that the tragic death of Jesse Phillips, the 9-year-old boy who passed away Christmas Eve, was caused by Cardiac Arrhythmia.

Family, friends and the Olds and Didsbury communities were shocked by the unexplained death of this outgoing young boy. Jesse had been visiting his father, Gilbert Robinson in Didsbury at the time of the tragedy. Cardiac Arrhythmia is caused by irregular electrical impulses of the heart.

The Alberta Medical Examiner revealed their findings to Jackie Phillips last week.

Jackie was told that in every other way her son was a healthy boy, there was no way she would have known about this condition.

"They said that a normal physical would not reveal this condition unless there were an EKG test which he never would have had because he was perfectly healthy in every other way," said Jackie.

The report went on further to say that Jesse didn't suffer, he died quickly and pain free.

"To me this still doesn't make sense, he was healthy and now he is gone," said Jackie. "His brother misses him and dreams of him all this time. Even though we have the results, it is still very difficult."

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Mountain View County has a supply of the Liquid Strychnine Concentrate, available to Mountain View County agricultural producers for use on lands within Mountain View County.

Mountain View County is distributing this supply of Liquid Strychnine Concentrate in 2002 as follows:

- Mountain View County will be providing pails and oats along with the strychnine concentrate.
- Farmers MUST PRE-ORDER a supply for their use, and pick up the product once it has been prepared by County staff.
- Farmers can order a maximum of 8 kilograms of bait (which is a maximum of eight 250 ml bottles of 2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate) at one time.
- Farmers ordering a supply of bait must use it according to label directions.
- Once farmers have used their supply, they can order more and return empty bait pails.

\*\*\*\*\*TO ORDER A SUPPLY FOR YOUR FARM\*\*\*\*\*

1. Phone Mountain View County (335-3311) by no later than 12:00 NOON on Tuesday, March 19, 2002. Indicate the amount of liquid concentrate you require (maximum of 8 bottles per farmer per order).
2. Come to the Agricultural Shop on Wednesday, March 20, preferably before noon. You will be able to pick up your bait once you've completed the required paper work.

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Cody Edwards rubs out a defenseman during a round-robin game against the Daysland Thunderstars.



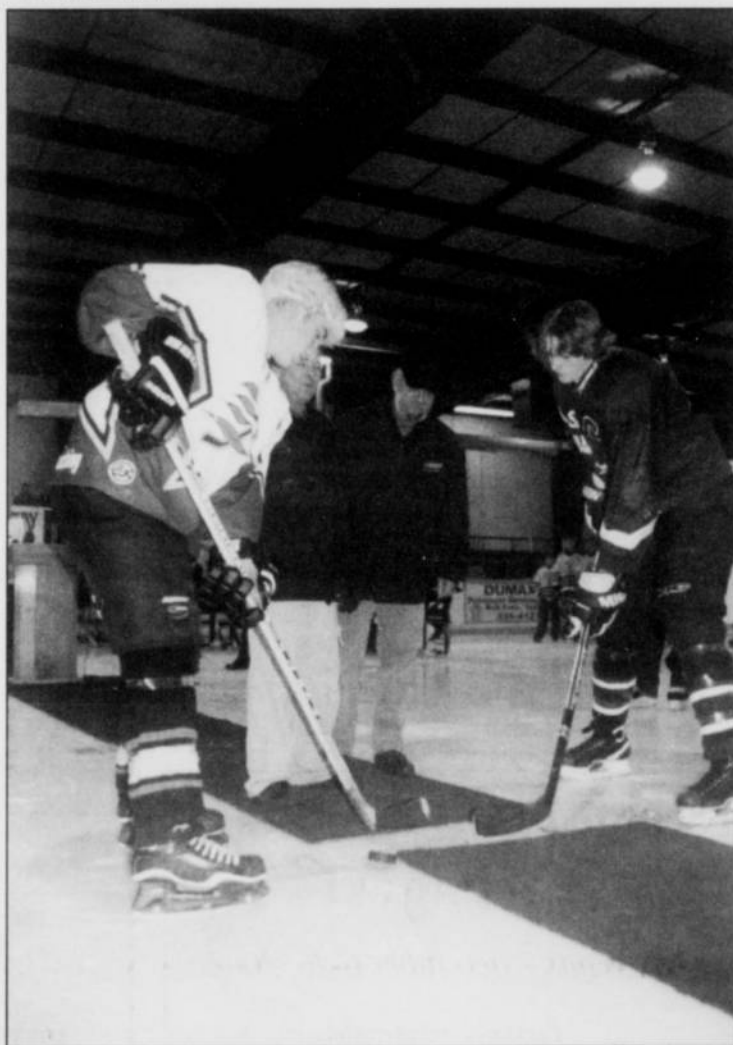
The Didsbury Revolt hockey squad takes a second for a photo after completing round-robin play.

## Images of the Bantam provincials

photos by Richard Westlund



A Didsbury forward crashes the net against Daysland. The Revolt finished round-robin play with a 1-1-1 record which was good enough to get them into the semi-finals.



Revolt captain Cody Edwards takes part in the ceremonial face off to officially open the provincial tournament.



Head coach Cory Shields talks with his team during an important time-out in the round-robin.



# Lifestyles

Features • Community Clubs • Religion • Local Personalities

## 100 Years *and still young at heart*

by Karen Lazaruk

She turned 100 years old on March 10 and Kathrine Campbell Malloch, a Didsbury resident, still walks about one kilometre each day when the weather is nice.

She has seen Halley's comet twice in her lifetime and has witnessed many such firsts as the first television, the first car and the first Calgary Stampede.

Kathrine was also a member of one of Airdrie's first pioneer families and remembers a time when this growing city was a small farming community. With a crystal clear memory, she intrigues her audience with first-hand experience of prairie life of days gone by.

Kathrine was born to Willard and Sarah Malloch, who moved here from Kansas in April 1903. She grew up on the family's homestead located nine miles west and two miles north of present-day Airdrie. There, she and her eight brothers and sisters lived in a sod house that was 18 feet wide and 30 ft. long.

"It was just grand - no draft and it didn't leak. We could leave water and milk out and nothing froze. It was the warmest house I have ever lived in," Kathrine said.

At that time, prairie fires were a huge threat to homesteaders and Kathrine remembers a big one around 1907 that nearly reached her home. Luckily, her father had dug a fire guard - essentially a ditch around the homestead - to keep the fire at bay. She said she remembers her brother hooking a freshly skinned steer hide to a horse and dragging it in front of the fire to snuff it out.

"His eyebrows were burnt and his hair was burnt, just black," Kathrine said.

Just to be safe, her baby sister was loaded into a stoneboat - a device used to collect and transport stones from fields - and taken to the middle of a plowed field away from the fire.

"That fire went clear to Calgary," Kathrine said, adding that although she was only about four years old and doesn't remember that much, she had nightmares about it for years after.

In 1907, Kathrine's family moved into a two-storey home located three miles northwest of their original homestead.

The Malloch home became a popular spot for community gatherings in the 1920s, when



Kathrine Campbell Malloch celebrates her 100th birthday on Saturday at Chinook Winds Christian Centre in Didsbury. Many family and friends were on hand to help her take in the occasion.

photo by Richard Westlund

school boards refused to allow dances on their property. So Willard and other local people loaded another house onto wagons and attached it to the Malloch home.

After some oyster dinners to raise funds for the installation of a hardwood floor, a new community hall was born.

When Kathrine was 16, the flu epidemic hit the world and although she spent that period living in the homes of the sick, she never contracted the illness.

Kathrine spent three weeks nursing the Clayton family of Airdrie, all of whom were sick with the flu. Mrs. Clayton was in hospital in Calgary giving

birth to her seventh child and Kathrine spent her days caring for Mr. Clayton, the other six children, plus the family's four horses and a flock of sheep.

Once the Clayton family had recovered, Kathrine moved in with Mrs. Beaton and her two children and helped nurse them back to health and, shortly af-

*"I started working there for .42 cents an hour and that's when I was raising my kids. It was a struggle, all right, but we managed."*

*- Katherine Campbell Malloch, on working at a hospital kitchen earlier in her life*

terward, the epidemic burned out.

When she was 20, Kathrine married Cecil Campbell, of Airdrie, and the couple moved to Vermilion, Alta., where they had three children and ran a farm.

The couple later divorced and, in 1944, Kathrine and her children moved to Calgary, a short distance from the General Hospital, where she worked in the kitchen for more than 24 years.

"I started working there for .42 cents an hour and that's when I was raising my kids," Kathrine said. "It was a struggle, all right, but we managed."

Kathrine lived in that house until she turned 95 and moved to Didsbury to live with her daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Herman Dorin. She still knits and crochets for her family and proudly displays the numerous awards she has won over the years for her talents.

Kathrine said she can think of one thing that may explain her longevity.

"In our day there was no such thing as junk food - we ate three good meals a day," she said, adding that she still eats homemade food.

But her daughter thinks there may be more to it than that.

"People are really inspired by her. She sees everything in a positive light. She doesn't feel sorry for herself," Shirley said.

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## AROUND THE CIRCLE

## First registration for minor ball happens tonight

by Marge St. Clair

The first registration for minor ball will be held tonight Mar. 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Didsbury Complex. A second registration night will be held Tues. Mar. 26, same time, same place.

**Wed. Mar. 13**

All ladies are welcome to the Rosebud Ladies Coffee Party at 9:30 a.m. at the Rosebud hall.

**Thurs. Mar. 14**

Brown Bag Theatre at the Didsbury Library at 12:00 noon featuring Ireland.

**Sat. Mar. 16**

Plan now to attend the Irish Stew Supper at the St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Hall with a sitting at 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. Tickets are at the door. Everyone welcome.

**Sat. Mar. 16**

There will be a cribbage tournament at the Elks Hall

with play starting at 7:30 p.m. Please phone Jim or Sharon at 335-3481 for all the details and to register.

**Sun. Mar. 17**

Rosebud Community is holding the Annual Ham Dinner at the Rosebud hall from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. Family rates and singles. Everyone welcome.

**Thurs. Mar. 21**

Brown Bag Theatre at the Didsbury Library 12:00 noon sharp. Trans-Siberian rail Journey - Part 1 an astonishing look at the seven day train trip from Moscow to Beijing called the "longest train ride in the world".

**Sat. Mar. 23**

For an evening of wonderful "Bluegrass Gospel" plan now to be at the Didsbury Complex M.P. Room for an exceptional program starting at 7:30 p.m. "Nitchi Creek" and "like Father, Like Son," a Southern Gospel Quartet are appearing on stage through Alpha Promotions. Tickets are at the door, more info from Glenda at 335-3284 (evenings).

**Sat. Mar. 23, Sun. Mar. 24 & Mon. Mar. 25**

These three evenings at

7:30 p.m., the Passion Play is being presented at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Everyone welcome, more info by phoning the church office at 335-3161.

**Mon. Mar. 25**

St. Cyprian's A.C.W. will hold the monthly meeting in the church hall at 1:30 p.m., all ladies welcome.

**Tues. Mar. 26**

Dr. Nugent, foot specialist, will be at the 5-0 Centre from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. No appointment necessary.

**Thurs. Mar. 28**

The Fibromyalgia Support Group is hosting Registered Dietitian Carla Ross from Health Region #5 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Olds. Please phone Mel 335-3527 for more details.

First notice for all planning to go to Stage West. The bus is leaving the 5-0 Centre at 10:00 a.m. on Wed. April 24th to the play "Sheer Madness". To reserve your seat and get your money in by April 3rd, please phone Bea 335-3058 or Florence 335-3327.

My Christmas Cactus never ceases to amaze me. We took it down off the table at

the east window at the end of January, as all the blooms which started in mid November were pretty well done. So its back on the bottom of the TV stand and it has so many


buds on it again I couldn't count them all so it will be blooming till well after Easter. Has 3 flowers open again now and they are very cheering these cold snowy dull days.



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# Olds Legion #105 March update

by Marge St. Clair

**Entertainment**

Mar. 15 & 16 - Kim Cote  
Mar. 30 - Paxil Country Seniors Luncheons -11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Thurs. Mar. 14th & Thurs. Mar. 28.

**Sat Mar.16**

District Shuffleboard Playoffs Mens and Ladies.

**Sun. Mar. 17**

Super Sunday Bingo, doors open at 6:00 p.m.

All other sports as usual. The Legion will be closed Good Friday Mar. 29 and Easter Sunday, Mar. 31st.

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## Group ponders making donation to library

by Noreen Olson

Marguerite Krebs hosted our February meeting and in honor of Nellie Davies birthday chose Wait Til The Sun Shines Nellie as our opening song. Vice President Noreen Olson chaired the meeting and welcomed guests, Loretta Danielson, Judy Taylor and Carol Reid. Our bit of wisdom was proverbs as finished by third graders. Some examples are, "Better to be safe than-- punch a fifth grader." "Don't bite the hand-- that looks dirty." "A penny saved--is not much."

Roll Call was "Bring a gift given you from another country." We had a marvelous variety with several things from NZ and Australia, several from England and Wales, Denmark, Peru, Norway, Alaska, Russia, Switzerland and Pakistan.

Secretary Joan Foat read minutes from both the January meeting and the Executive meeting and we dealt with the business arising. Our resolution has been signed by Bancroft WI and forwarded to the Resolution Chair. Everything is arranged for Nellie's party at Chinook Winds, Founders day party and format was judged successful.

Correspondence included letters from Blanche Cunningham and Brenda Wilsie both of whom are willing to

take on the job of District Director. Joan read a letter from our link WI Group in NZ.

Under New Business, It was suggested that we consider donating to the Cremona Library, some money for talking books. Several members said that they had cassettes that they could donate and the subject will arise at our next meeting. We have an invitation from Zella to accompany them on a trip to Cochrane to view the Egg Money Statue. Date and Time will be determined. Cards were signed for Evelyn Bohannon whose husband Bill passed away and for Eleanora Teel in hospital. Bills were paid and we discussed the Constituency Conference April 3 and 4 at the Carstairs Church of God. Handicraft entries must be in before noon on the 3rd. Dinner on the 4th will be catered. Please bring interesting items for the "Display Only" section.

Our guest speaker was Judy Taylor, Judy and her husband Brian have been to Pakistan with Bethel E.M. Church Missions Conference on a Literacy, Agricultural Development and Health Mission. While they were there they worked along with Neil and Val Carleton and the Church of Pakistan. "It was a life changing experience" the plight of women, the food, history, Agriculture, beauty of the people, tempera-

ture, fabrics, everything was overwhelming. Judy wore her beautiful Pakistani clothing and was a very eloquent and knowledgeable speaker. We enjoyed her presentation very much and the information she brought us should make us all the more appreciative of life in Canada.

Next meeting is March 20 at Ev. Robertson's. Guests are welcome. For more information call 337-2042 or 337-2052.

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## St. CYPRIAN'S A.C.W. Plans finalized for World Day of Prayer

by Anne Milne

At the Feb. 25th meeting, plans were made and finalized for the World Day of Prayer held at St. Cyprian's Anglican Church on Fri. Mar. 1st. There was a goodly number that came to the service and joined in the fellowship that followed. The left over food was generously left for Joan Mattis to take to Calgary where she volunteers helping to feed some of the homeless there.

Mr. Eric Goerzen of Carstairs was guest speaker at our Feb. 25th meeting. He showed films of Cuba and Haiti where the Canadians Foodgrain Bank distributes grains. Through this effort many children receive a good nutritious meal at the noon hour.

The Sunday School through their fund raising efforts are sending gifts to the A.C.W. Foster Child in El Salvador. This girl has been supported through the Foster Parent Plan for the past 8 years.

The next meeting will be on Mon. Mar. 25th at 1:30 p.m. at the Hall. "May your Easter Day have a special brightness, a special warmth, a special lightness, a special meaning that warms and cheers and special music for all ears."



## SONS OF NORWAY NEWS

# Norwegian royalty will be visiting Canada May 6

by Noreen Olson

Despite the cold evening there was good attendance for our February Meeting and President Ralph Olson opened it with the usual formalities. Guests Linda Nielson and Bert Johnson were welcomed.

Correspondence included an invitation to send greetings to International Convention in Madison Wisconsin, Trollhaugen Camp Minutes, a memorial to Robert Borg, District Seven Newsletter and forms to nominate Delegates to District Four Convention in Fargo. Two Delegates and four Alternates were chosen and we are reminded that the Lodge pays registration and part expenses.

Counselor Leif Terning reported that the executive is looking into selling our copier and we have an approximate value if anyone is interested. Auditors need to be appointed and Marion Dahlgren and Edie Bennet volunteered.

Social Report, Spring Fling is a go for April 20, band and caterer are booked and tickets will be

available for sale in the next few days. Sports Committee have booked Spare Time Bowl for March 17. We have bowling, whist and steak supper all at a very reasonable price. Red Deer and Calgary Lodges have been invited as well. Members who went to the Kananaskis for the Ski Day reported a beautiful day and all the reports from Sports Weekend in Edmonton were excellent. About 210 people attended. Culture Director told us that Linda Nielson will help us with unfinished Rosemaling projects on March 16 at her house in Innisfail and that Hardanger classes continue on Wednesdays at Marion Dahlgren's.

Moved that we ask to have ten spots set aside at Trollhaugen Culture Camp so that we can be assured that our members children and grandchildren get a place. The Camp fills very quickly and applicants do not all get accommodated.

Under Good of The Order Leif Terning's brother in Norway had sent an interesting report from a Norwegian Newspaper. Canada has now had an

Ambassador to Norway for 60 years. The first one was appointed in 1942. Canada and Norway have a lot in common, 2 languages, native people, access to the Arctic, both top rated by the UN, offshore oil, forestry and farming. We also have a common link with the Viking Explorers. The Norwegian King and Queen will be visiting Canada May 6 to 10. Gil Nielson reported that Ski for Light in Red Deer went very well and he thanked our members who took time to attend. Leif led us in another attempt at Ingrid's Song and we closed the business meeting and set up for a spirited hour of whist and other games, closing with our usual sumptuous lunch.

Our next meeting is on March 25 at the Evergreen Centre and takes the form of an Ethnic Pot Luck Dinner. Doors are open at 6 PM and Dinner will begin at 6:30. Please bring a Scandinavian dish and perhaps you can use it to work toward your Cooking Skills pin.

Guests are welcome.

## Art Show and Sale held during trade show

The 49th Annual Art Show & Sale, & Porcelain Show will be held in conjunction with the Didsbury Trade Fair on April 6th in the multipurpose room of the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

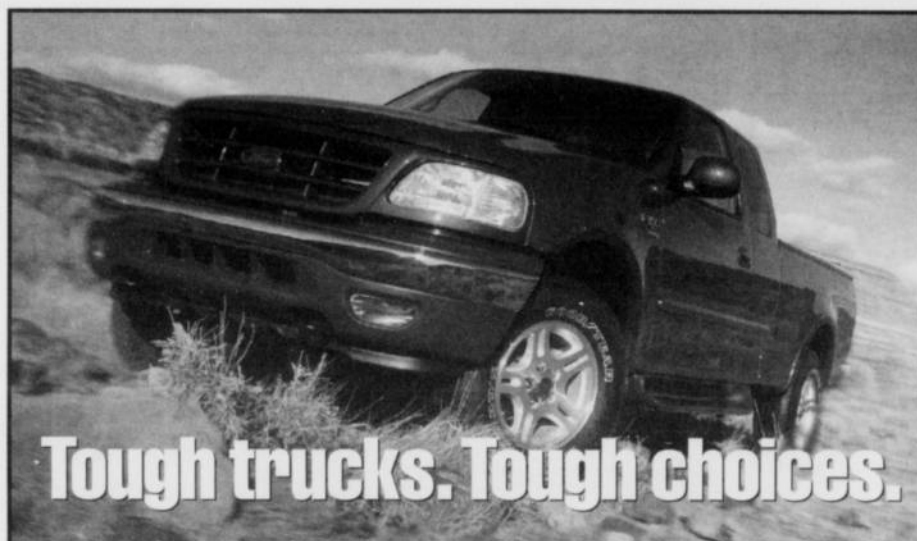
The Junior Art Section is the only one judged & is divided into 3 Sections, 10 years & under, 11 to 14 years, & 15 to 18 years.

The Sections for entries are I, Black & white, (ie) pencil & pen & ink & charcoal, II colored pencil, III water color IV oils & acrylic, V pastels, VI scratchboard, VI mixed media.

Three to 5 pictures may be entered, a fee of \$1.00 per picture is charged. Ribbons are awarded & a cash prize for Best of Show. There is also a People's Choice Award by ballot. Adults may enter without charge, their pictures are not judged but are eligible for the People's Choice Award.

Pictures are to be framed if possible, otherwise are to be matted & shrink wrapped to prevent possible damage. The show committee is not responsible for any damage that might occur. Every care is taken. Pictures must be at the Multipurpose room between 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. on April 6th. The show opens at 1 p.m. after the judging & closes at 6 p.m. Pictures may not be taken down before the show closes.

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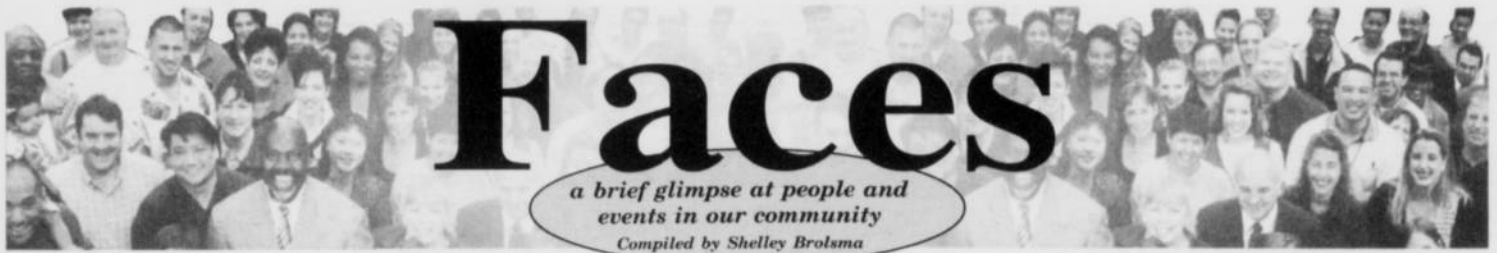
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# Faces

a brief glimpse at people and  
events in our community  
Compiled by Shelley Brotsma

## Redeemer Lutheran Church offers more during Easter play



Pastor Robert Mohns

Fans of the Annual Passion Play Presentation at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Didsbury will be happy to hear this year's performance has been extended to three days instead of two.

The popular live performance will take place at 7:30 pm Saturday, March 23rd, Sunday, March 24th, and Monday, March 25th. It has been six years since a small group of youth from the Church put on a "Reader's Theatre" performance during a Lenten Service called the Passion Play. Today, that same congregation continues to host the "amazing story of Jesus' resurrection" to

crowds of up to 200 people per night - sometimes more. It was for that reason that this year's performance was extended the extra day.

But duration of the Passion Play itself is not the only change theatre lovers can look for this year. "There have also been some costume changes and a few set changes as well," says Pastor Rob Mohns.

Pastor Mohns says the continual rise in popularity for the annual performance is difficult to understand, but is grateful for the opportunity to spread the word about the Easter Story. "...more and more peo-

ple want to know about the significance of Easter and how Jesus' death and resurrection has impacted the world," he says, adding that audiences often find it a very powerful experience to sit through.

Mohns says the Didsbury performance is presented much differently than other Passion Plays he is aware of, such as that in Drumheller who present the story from a more narrative scriptural approach. "The Easter story we tell is actually told through the eyes of those who were witnesses to the crucifixion and resurrection and reveals the impact this had

on their life."

Redeemer Lutheran's Passion Play involves approximately 70 participants working as actors, actresses, crew members and last-minute volunteers. "It's just about everyone from our congregation. We are fortunate enough to have so much talent so readily available to us in order for us to put on this kind of a performance."

The Passion Play is being presented during three evening (7:30 pm) performances March 23rd, 24th, and 25th at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Admission is free although a free-will offering is being accepted.

## Annual Art Show and Sale deadline is fast approaching

Ready, set...create! While it is true that good art takes time to produce, those interested in registering their work in the upcoming Annual Art Show and Sale best be on their way to completing their latest creations.

Deadline for entries into the Show is Wednesday, March 27th.

The long-standing event will once again be held in conjunction with the Didsbury Trade Show at the Memorial Complex on Saturday, April

6th between 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Among the many volunteers helping to put on the Show once again are Joyce Mullen, Elsie Archer, Laurie Winter, Gail Kohut and Cindy Mawle.

Mawle says anyone interested in exhibiting their art must have their pictures at the Complex by 10:30 am that morning. Categories will be allotted for both Juniors (judged) and Seniors (not judged) - as per tradition. "We have ribbons and cash

rewards for the Juniors, however the Seniors are basically in it for the joy of exhibiting their work. There is a People's Choice award given out for the Seniors as well, but no prizes as such," explains Mawle.

Junior sections are broken down into three different groups: 10-years-old and under, 11 - 14-years-old and 15 - 18-years-old. Divisions for both Juniors and Seniors include: pencil, pen and ink, charcoal, colored pencil, wa-

ter colour, oil and acrylics, scratch board and mixed mediums.

The cost for entering the Show and Sale is just \$1.00 per piece with a limit of five pictures per registrant.

"The pictures can be framed or matted and shrink wrapped, but oils have to be framed."

For more information about the Annual Art Show and Sale, please call either Elsie Archer at 335-3867 or Joyce Mullen at 335-3886.



Cindy Mawle

## New local business offers friendship to your pet for life

It is often said that a dog can be man's best friend...but what if the opposite were true?

"Your Pet's Best Friend" - the newest pet business in town is out to prove that sometimes man can be a dog's (or cat's, for that matter) best friend at times too.

Entrepreneur Lynn Craft says the idea for her business stems from a life-long friendship she's held with pets of all varieties from an early age. "I have always been an animal

lover...it's always come very natural for me to care for and treat animals," says Craft, a self-taught pet groomer and breeder.

While Craft's business has only been in operation less than a month in Didsbury, "Your Pet's Best Friend" has actually been operating for approximately 12 years. "I love small towns and just prefer to live out in the country...I used to live in Penticton which is quite a bit smaller than

Calgary, and then a small town in the Maritimes before that, so this is really what I'm used to...it feels good to be back in a place like Didsbury."

In addition to offering complete dog and cat grooming services, Craft also provides facilities for those who wish to wash their pets themselves. "We provide everything ... towels, dryers, shampoos and conditioners."

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(three) tubs. It's great for those who wish to do it themselves."

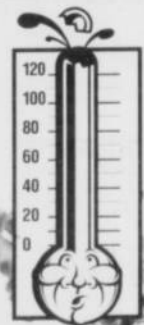
In addition to the grooming services Craft provides, are the wide array of pet supply items such as collars, leashes and vitamins for your pet. "We sell Bread of Life products and also offer HGH (Human Growth Hormone) Booster which can be used on either pets or humans."

"It's really amazing...it actually helps the body heal itself and maintain it's youthful ap-

pearance."

When Craft's not busy at the shop, she plans on spending a good portion of her time perfecting her dog breeding services.

If you are interested in learning more about Your Pet's Best Friend, Craft would like to extend a warm welcome to her Open House coming up on Saturday, March 16th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Your Pet's Best Friend is located at 2014-18th Ave, Didsbury.



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**QUESTION:** My baby is only a year old and she is a joy to my husband and me. But your description of toddlerhood is kind of scary. It's just around the corner. Are the "terrible twos" really so terrible?

**DR. DOBSON:** I think the toddler years are delightful. It is a period of dynamic blossoming and unfolding. New words are being learned daily, and the cute verbal expressions of that age will be remembered for half a century.

It is a time of excitement over fairy stories and Santa Claus and furry puppy dogs.

And most important, it is a precious time of loving and warmth that will scurry by all too quickly and never return.

Admittedly, the toddler years can also be quite challenging to a busy mother.

Not the least of her frustrations is the negativism of that period of development. It has been said that all human beings can be classified into two broad categories: those who would vote "yes" to the various propositions of life, and those who would be inclined to vote "no." I can tell you with confidence that each toddler around the world would definitely cast a negative vote! If there is one word that characterizes the period between 15 and 24 months of age, it is "No!"

No, he doesn't want to eat his cereal. No, he doesn't want to play with his dump truck. No, he doesn't want to take his bath.

And you can be sure, no, he doesn't want to get to bed anytime at all. It is easy to see why this period of life has been called "the first adolescence," because of the negatives, conflict and independence of the age. Perhaps the most irritating aspect of the "terrible twos" is the tendency of kids to spill things, destroy things, eat horrible things, fall off things, flush things, kill things and get into things.

They also have a knack for doing embarrassing things, like sneezing on a nearby man at a lunch counter. During these toddler years, any unexplained silence of more than 30 seconds can throw an adult into a sudden state of panic.

What mother has not had the shock of opening the bedroom to find Tony Tornado covered with lipstick from the top of his head to the carpet on which he stands? On the wall is his own artistic creation with a red handprint in the center, and throughout the room is the aroma of Chanel No. 5 with which he has anointed his baby brother. Wouldn't it be interesting to hold a national convention sometime, bringing together all the mothers who have experienced that exact trauma?

Yes, toddlerhood is challenging, but it is also a wonderful time of life.

It will last but a brief moment in time.

There are millions of older parents today with grown children who would give all they possess to relive those bubbly days with their toddlers.

Enjoy these years to the fullest.

**QUESTION:** How early in life is a child capable of making a willful challenge to parental authority?

**DR. DOBSON:** Depending on the temperament of the individual, defiant behavior can be displayed by very young children. A father once told me of taking his 3-year-old daughter to a basketball game.

The child was, of course, interested in everything in the gym except the athletic contest. The father permitted her to roam free and climb on the bleachers, but he set up definite limits regarding how far she could stray. He took her by the hand and walked with her to a stripe painted on the gym floor.

"You can play all around the building, Janie, but don't go past this line," he instructed her. Dad had no sooner returned to his seat than the toddler scurried in the direction of the forbidden territory.

She stopped at the border for a moment, then flashed a grin over her shoulder to her father, and deliberately placed one foot over the line as if to say, "Whacha gonna do about it?"

Virtually every parent the world over has been asked the same question at one time or another. That's the way some kids are made.

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## DIDSBURY AG. SOCIETY Ag. Society sends eight members to provincial convention

The Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies' (AAAS) annual convention was held at the Capri Hotel in Red Deer, February 15-17. Since it was close and Didsbury Ag. Society is a member, eight people were able to attend, with some sharing off of times and presentations. AAAS acts as an umbrella organization to aid in making information and services available to all agricultural societies in Alberta. Of the 292 Societies registered in Alberta, 93 were present at the convention, having come from as far away as Grand Prairie and Cold Lake in the north to Medicine Hat and Pincher Creek in the south - the whole span of the province.

The convention did not disappoint. There were guest speakers, a trade show, competitions, auctions, entertainment and a banquet to round the edges of the heart of the business of AAAS, the election of officers and setting of policy of the organization. The highlights of the convention were the talks by Carole Boothroyd, who illustrated, very effectively, the need for good communication.

As part of the event, there were auctions, both silent and vocal, of donated items from all of the participating Societies, or from businesses in their communities.

There were also judging contests of individual Societies fair books, posters and projects. Didsbury Ag. Society entered in our fair book, our rodeo book, our fair poster and our project, and won seconds for "Fair book, Two Colour, over 1500 attendance" and "Project of the Year", so we must be doing some things right.

The meeting gave a chance for societies to see some of the groups who entertain at fairs, for there was entertainment

both on Friday and Saturday night. More information could be obtained from the Trade Fair, which featured companies that market supplies or services for fairs and rodeos.

The other purpose of the convention was to elect regional representatives (Didsbury is in region 2, and returned our representative, Stan Marshall, by acclamation), and AAAS executive. These elections were amazingly efficient. Emphasized

during this meeting was the need to lobby the elected representatives of the Provincial Government on the importance of agriculture and agriculture-related organizations to the Alberta and the country as a whole.

So, between the eight of us, we learned a few things, met some new people, had some good meals, and groaned at the thought of having to journey to Grand Prairie for next years meeting.

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As their reign is almost over, the time is coming for Carstairs Rodeo Queen Heather Whitlow and Princess Dallas Stevenson to pass down their crowns. The search is on for the next Miss Carstairs Rodeo Queen and Princess.

This is a highly rewarding experience and a big responsibility. As the next Queen and Princess you will have memories to cherish for a lifetime and encounter experiences that will remain with you forever.

Miss Rodeo Carstairs is a highly public honor that will require you to attend community events, school functions, as well as parades and rodeos.

The Queen and Princess program returned to Carstairs in 1997 and has continued to be a success ever since.

Currently six community members represent the Carstairs Rodeo Queen Committee. These members are dedicated to ensuring the program's success as well as offering an opportunity for young women to fulfill their dreams, while having the time of their life.

The program is open to young women between the ages of 14 to 17 who reside in or around the following towns; Carstairs, Crossfield, Didsbury and Cremona. The commitment to the Carstairs Rodeo Committee and the Town of Carstairs requires many appearances either with your horse or alone, therefore it is important that contestants are able to provide their own transportation for both their horse and themselves.

The competition includes a written test



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The reign is almost over, the time is coming for Carstairs Rodeo Queen Heather Whitlow and Princess Dallas Stevenson to relinquish their crowns.

that includes rodeo knowledge and community history, public speaking, parade appearance, riding ability, ticket sales.

Application forms can be picked up at

Western Sky Hwy 2A Carstairs, West World Hwy 2A Carstairs, the Carstairs Courier, Didsbury Photo, Mountain View Credit Union Cremona, Schools in Didsbury, Crossfield, Carstairs, and Cremona. Applications can be delivered to Didsbury Photo, Carstairs Courier or you can contact any of the committee members listed on the application forms.

Application deadline is April 8/2002.

This is a great opportunity for young women to participate in the community and at horse related events. Chrissy Van Arnem (Jochems) Carstairs Rodeo Princess 1997 says "it was a great opportunity to spend her time doing her favorite hobby; spending time with her horse, while having the honor of representing the Carstairs Rodeo and the Town of Carstairs."

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If you enjoy spending time with your horse, meeting new people and growing as a person the Carstairs Rodeo Queen and Princess competition is the perfect opportunity for you. Please pick up application forms at any of the above listed places and get ready for what promises to be a great year.

## Public Notice.

NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd., a subsidiary of TransCanada PipeLines Limited has applied within the provisions of the Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, to construct 17.2 km of NPS 48 pipeline.

The Western Alberta System Mainline Loop No. 2 (Cremona Section) is located between LSD 01-23-31-05 W5M and LSD 13-29-29-04 W5M, which is located approximately 50 km south of Calgary, Alberta. The project is located entirely within the White Area of the province.

The purpose of the project is to meet increased contracted delivery requirements at the Alberta and British Columbia border points. Construction is scheduled for July to October 2002 and the scheduled on-stream date is November 1, 2002.

Pursuant to Section 70 of the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, any person who is directly affected may submit a written statement of concern with respect to conservation and reclamation activities to the Director of the Southern Region, Alberta Environment, Regulatory Approvals Centre, Main Floor, 9820 - 106 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 2J6. Statements of concern must be submitted within 30 days from the date of this advertisement.

Failure to file a statement of concern may affect the right to file a Notice of Objection (on appeal) with the Environmental Appeal Board. Any statements regarding this application are public records accessible by the public. Please quote file number 001-181747 for correspondence. Submissions related exclusively to compensation for land use are beyond the jurisdiction of Alberta Environment.

Copies of the application may be obtained from Andrea Jalbert, Health, Safety & Environment, TransCanada PipeLines Limited, 450 - 1st St. SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 5H1. Phone: (403) 920-7262 or Fax: (403) 920-2330.



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